

**Proposed Strawman Methodology**  
**Critical Urban and Critical Rural Freight Corridor Designation (CUFC/CRFC) and Rolling Designation**  
**Process DRAFT**

**Proposed Process for CUFC/CRFC Designations**

Task	Lead Agency	Initial Schedule	Rolling Designation
1. Corridor Nomination	All agencies	5/31/2017	Every Quarter
2. Corridor Eligibility Review	Caltrans	6/14/2017	Every Quarter
3. Corridor Prioritization ( <i>if necessary</i> )	Caltrans	6/28/2017	Every Quarter
4. Corridor Designation	Caltrans	7/12/2017	Every Quarter
5. Certification	FHWA	8/12/2017	Every Quarter

**Caltrans will develop a critical freight corridors Inventory (Tracking System) which will include:**

- A publicly available GIS mapping and a database of all critical freight corridor mileage
- A historical record of designated and de-designated miles will be maintained in GIS
- An On/Off system to identify corridors certified by FHWA

**Eligibility**

1. Freight Projects will need to fit the criteria listed in the *National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)*, *FAST Act Section 1116 Implementation Guidance*:  
[https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/pol\\_plng\\_finance/policy/fastact/s1116nhfpguidance/](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/pol_plng_finance/policy/fastact/s1116nhfpguidance/)
2. Critical Rural and Critical Urban Freight Corridors will need to fit the criteria listed in the *FAST Act, Section 1116 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Guidance: Designating and Certifying Critical Rural Freight Corridors and Critical Urban Freight Corridors*:  
[https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/crfc/sec\\_1116\\_gdnce.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/crfc/sec_1116_gdnce.htm)

**Caltrans' Proposed Prioritization Criteria for CRFC and (If CRFC and needs are more than the federally allocated 623 miles.)**

**1. From existing plans/programs, such as:**

- a) FAST Act, NMFN factors, and NHFP eligible project types
- b) MAP-21: Performance Measures
- c) CFMP 2014 Tiers
- d) ITSP 2015 Corridors
- e) CSFAP 2016 Goals

**2. Explore technical criteria, such as:**

- a) Truck volume ADT
- b) Truck Hours of Delay
- c) Freight: tonnage, value, volume, expediency etc.
- d) Route Asset Conditions: bridges, pavement, design geometrics
- e) Others: regions with high production, equity, air quality, VMT, safety, etc.

**Rolling designations**

1. After the initial CRFC and CUFC designation cycle, the Technical Working Group (TWG) will reconvene every quarter to review the status of the freight network.
2. TWG will propose updates to the networks including additions and subtractions to the network. Upon completion of a project, the associated critical corridor miles may be de-designated so that other projects may make use of those miles.